

Attainment 8:

Everything you need to know



The Attainment 8 score is the average measure of an individual student's progress across their 8 best performing subjects taken at GCSE level. A student's Attainment 8 score is then used to help calculate a school's overall Progress 8 score.

Attainment 8 Points

At present, as Ofqual's new grading system hasn't been fully implemented across all subjects, there are a two separate numerical grades that are taken into account when calculating a student's Attainment 8 score.

2017 and 2018

Not all subjects will be graded on the new system so grade conversions are included.

2019

By 2019, all subjects will be graded using Ofqual's new numerical system and equivalent points will be awarded.

New Grading Structure	Old Grading Structure
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

Old Grading Structure	Attainment 8 Score
A*	8.5
A	7
B	5.5
C	4
D	3
E	2
F	1.5
G	1
U	U

Attainment 8 Buckets

The subjects that are used to calculate a student's Attainment 8 score must fall into the following three buckets:

Bucket 1

English and Maths

Maths & English are the only subjects where scores are doubled. Maths is always doubled, however English is only doubled if both Lit and Lang are taken.

Bucket 2

EBacc subjects

A student's three highest scoring Ebacc subjects will fill this bucket.

Bucket 3

Open group

Three highest scoring DfE approved or remaining English & Ebacc subjects.

